

Operations Memo No. 14



VA COOPERATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM # 424

Clinical Outcomes Utilizing Revascularization and Aggressive DruG Evaluation

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Subj: Payments for Canadian and US non-VA Sites

To: Study Personnel

Thru: Trial Leadership

Canadian and Non-VA US Sites will be reimbursed for successful randomization and follow-up of suitable patients and subsequently submission of the completed data forms or relevant material to the West Haven Coordinating Center (WH) and the Core Labs. The reimbursements for each patient are distributed throughout the length of the trial, and the total paid for each patient depends on the patient's risk classification at the time of randomization (see page 8-16 in your OPS Manual) and the length of follow-up time. Payments for a high-risk patient randomized last June would total \$7,500, while total payments for a low-risk patient randomized in June of 2002 would equal \$3,700, the average will be \$5,000. The payments will also be linked to successful resolution of data queries i.e. the data submitted will not be regarded as complete while the queries are outstanding.

Quarterly payments are scheduled as follows:

Initial Payment (Low Risk: \$1,000; Intermediate Risk: \$1,500; High Risk: \$2,000) – requires

all randomization, baseline data and ECGs sent to WH, and angiographic data and QOL data submitted to the respective Core Labs;

Follow-up Payments: (\$300/follow-up visit) – requires all follow-up data sent to WH, including data for protocol required tests such as ECG or ETT and data for any hospitalizations that have occurred since the last visit as well as the QOL data sent to ECOR.

Payments will be made within one to two months after the end of each quarter.